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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7270

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MA, IS, PINR

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ARREST OF RATSIRAKA

REF: STATE 110534

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS HAD NO INDICATION THAT RATSIRAKA WAS ARRESTED, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT QUITE POSSIBLE HE WAS AT LEAST QUESTIONED BY GOMR AUTHORITIES IN EARLY APRIL. MARCH 31 TESTIMONY OF SAMUEL RAMILAMANANA, PSD FIGURE WHO PROVIDED PSD FUNDS TO REBEL POLICE UNIT, ACCORDING TO LOCAL RADIO REPORT, INCLUDED RATSIRAKA AS AMONG THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED FUNDS TO REBELS. RATSIRAKA'S NAME, HOWEVER, WAS NOT MENTIONED IN SUBSEQUENT PRESS REPORTS ON TRIAL THAT APPEARED SAME DAY. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE RATSIRAKA MIGHT WELL HAVE HEDGED HIS BETS BY GIVING FUNDS TO PSD AT SOME TIME IN PAST, WE DOUBT SERIOUSLY HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN DIRECT FINANCIAL AID TO REBELS.

2. EMBASSY AGREES WITH CONCLUSION IN REFTTEL THAT RATSIRAKA'S POSITION IN GOVERNMENT REMAINS UNDAMAGED - WHETHER HE WAS ARRESTED OR NOT.
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